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Dear Jim,

Much as I hate to take the time when I've not even been able to give the new transcript a careful reading and there is so much else I can't get to, because I have had no callback and because Jim and I both feel we must move fairly fast, I do write.If Jim wants we'll be making public use of this transcript Monday.

Jeffry Norman's secretary yesterday told me she expected him within minutes. This was prior to your return of my call. After I gave you a notion of the contents I asked you to phone him so I could know the scoop, if any.

I was away only long enough to bring my wife home. I broke an appointment that was important to another I'm helping to be available. I received no call. This morning I also did not do certain things I should have to be available. It is almost time to go for my wife so I write now in order that this be able to reach you by Monday.

While I am aware that decisions take time, phones do not - for those who can pay the phone bills. Or don't have to. This leaves me in the dark and with a problem on which Jim on his own feels the same apprehension. If this is not used promptly and in the proper context it is liable to be used for wrongful ends and more than likely by the Penthouse whores. (To me, from my personal experience, not because they are Playboy's comptetion.)

Obviously there is no personal gain to me in giving away what required eight years of work to get. I will be doing it, unless Jim finds reason to change his mind, in the interest of what means more to me than personal profit. The closest possibility of personal benefit can't be that. It would be were there some promo on Whitewash IV. If there is, I have yet to pay back $3,000 of the money Jim borrowed so we could pay the priner. With the book in no store, you know this is not expectable. Or possible.

Had there been an expression of even possible interest or a request to await a specified date I'm without doubt I'd have taken the risk of misuse if only because there would be better prospect of decent attention. Aside from the probability of better p.r. the only difference is that there will be no Playboy credit for whatever attention there may be. It has no influence or effect on anything else I've said or offered. On my end all else is as it was. On my end I have to take silence not as an expression of immediate interest so as I said, it leaves me with a problem and a decision to make.

Unless there is some change what I'll probably do is get together with Jim Monday, probably about noon, and give a copy to a Congressional committee or committees. I'll try to improvise a press conference then. I can't pay rental for space so I can't have space for it. Nor can I afford xeroxes to give away.

However, I'll not be available by phone Monday except through Jim. Until close to noon I have to be away from home. Assuming anyone calls me then. I'll be in touch with Jim while I'm going around. I'll be telling him how to get the move and general subject on the city wire. With luck some of those who read the wire may be interested. There really isn't much more I can do and do anything else.

As I told you I am aware that there had not been enough time for Jeffry to read much of the pile of words he took with him. I could not then anticipate that with the first move toward suing they'd cave and deliver. Unanounced, by mail, one of the reasons for apprehension. I do anticipate that because of my purposes, not his, when I did the writing he may find the beginnings very slow and the approach not what he is used to.

This is another way of saying he'll have to persevere to get to the evidence. While he also had other things to do, I assume.

But unlike all the essentially trivial stuff that is currently getting attention, what is in that unprinted book is enough to force a re-opening of the case. Predicting is a risky business. As well as one can be certain in it, I am certain that it now is possible. I've had that work done for years. The difference is in the change in attitudes. I also have more than is in the book and expect even more. The potential of what had me meeting with the FBI a week ago today is considerable. Whatever they do and do not do. They say they are delivering. I don't expect what I seek to exist. But it was the purpose of what I'm suing for. They simply don't dare give it to me. In itself it would be the end.

There is no way I can know what anyone else will see. Especially one who is not hep on Wasjington and the Congress. I know what the situation is, what eveidence I have and what it means.

Anyway, the purpose of my call was not to pressure. I know that can't be done. It was to cut them in on what can be a good thing, with worthwhile overtones for them, in the event they had made a decision. The contrast in the public and opinion-former minds between something solid and definitive and the police-state/ plagiarized crap Penthouse is getting so much attention with is stark. I was offering what legislative committees should want. That ain't pubic hair, son; that's prestige. (Do they need help on the pubic hair?)

You also know I am interested in motivating the foundation on the chance it might be willing to do something.

One also can't predict media reactions and perceptions with certainty. You know more of the content of this transcript right now that Jim does. No reporter has yet seen it. Tomorrow a British bureau chief who has been a friend and whose know-how and hard-headedness will help, is coming up to read it. Just before starting this letter I phoned him. I'll have a better idea then and some advice.

Should it turn out that they are interest, I guess all I can say is that I'm sorry there has been no communication.

Best regards,

Harold